(c) About 10-30 per cent of fruits and vegetables go waste due to poor handling and lack of post harvest management.

(d) and (e) No survey has yet been conducted on net share received by farmers out of consumers payment and no authentic data is available.

Proposal to establish rice research institute in Chhattisgarh

†6. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish Rice Research Institute in Chhattisgarh;

(b) what are its possibilities; and

(c) the details of further planning in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Department of Agricultural Research and Education/Indian Council of Agricultural Research is not contemplating to establish Rice Research Institute in Chhattisgarh. Rice Research in Chhattisgarh is being carried out at Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya (IGKVV), Raipur. Two Centres for rice research one at IGKVV, Raipur and the other at IGKVV, Jagdalpur Campus are functioning under All India Coordinated Rice Improvement Project to cater the need of rice research in the State.

Compensation to farmers affected due to snow fall

†7. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of crop losses due to long severe winter as a result of snow fall, frost and fog in northern India during January-February, 2008. State-wise;

(b) the details of financial assistance provided to affected fanners by Government, State-wise;

(c) whether Government is contemplating to include frost, fog etc. in natural calamity;

(d) whether State Governments are authorized to utilize C.R.F. to extend relief to the affected farmers; and

(e) if not, whether Government would give its permission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (e) There are two schemes for providing assistance to the States towards immediate relief in the wake of natural calamities *viz*. Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF). The types of calamities, for which the States are eligible for assistance under the

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